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METHOD FOR OBTAINING A CERAMIC COATING AT THE

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CLAIM FOR PRIORITY

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby claims the benefit of the filing date of April 26, 2000 to French Application No. 00 05321 under provisions of 35 U.S.C. 119 and the International Convention for the protection of Industrial Property.

If any fees are due with regard to this claim for priority, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 maintained by Applicant's attorneys.

> Respectfully submitted, JACQUES BEAUVIR

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